

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 5, 2010  
7:15 PM**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor McHale

Invocation delivered by Reverend Elaine Wing-Calvary United Methodist Church

Flag Salute

**Sunshine Law:** The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this public Reorganization meeting in a notice sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, filed with the Borough of Dumont, and posted on the Dumont website and the official bulletin board.

**General Election Municipal Results:**

Council members:

Rafael Riquelme - 2,454

Matthew Carrick - 2,473

Kenneth Freeman -2,624

The Certification of Election, dated November 12, 2009, was received by the Borough Clerk

Oath of Office was administered to Matthew M. Carrick by Councilman Harry Stylianou, Esq.

Oath of Office was administered to Kenneth Freeman by Senator Gerald Cardinale

**Roll Call:** Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou,  
Zamechansky-present  
Mayor McHale-present

Freeholder Chairman and Mayor James Carroll congratulated the newly-elected council members and acknowledged the service and accomplishments of Councilman McQuade.

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: Councilman Manna  
Second: Councilman Caspare  
All in favor.

Councilman Carrick thanked his family and the residents of Dumont for their support.

Councilman Freeman thanked the Governing Body for welcoming him and acknowledged his family and residents for their support. He stated he would do this job to the best of his ability.

Council President Stylianou welcomed the newly-elected council members. He spoke of the challenges Dumont will be facing. He pledged that he and the rest of the Governing Body would do their best to take care of the residents of this town.

Mayor McHale addressed those present. He stated that Borough Hall is the center of the Borough's government. He acknowledged the services of the Fire Department, Police Department, the DPW and the many volunteers who make Dumont the wonderful town that it is. In the last decade we have experienced tremendous change. We have experienced new problems such as terrorism, Al Queda, the 9/11 attacks, economic implosion, sub-prime mortgage debacle, which have implications worldwide. We, in Dumont, have in the past, been able to work through the Borough's economic issues.

**Review of Consent Agenda Items:** All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- #10-01 Appointment of 2010 Fire Department Officers \*
- #10-02 Adoption of By-laws for the year 2010 \*
- #10-04 Appointment of Council President for the year 2010 \*
- #10-05 Appointment of Council Committees for the year 2010 \*
- #10-06 Approval of Mayor and Council 2010 Meeting Dates \*
- #10-07 Barbara Kozay- Reappointment as Tax Collector \*
- #10-08 Reappointment of John Perkins as Clean Communities Coordinator \*
- #10-09 Approval of 2010 Block Party and Street Closing Applications \*
- #10-10 Reappointment of John Perkins-Affirmative Action Compliance Officer \*
- #10-11 Approval of Payroll Account \*
- #10-12 Approval of Petty Cash Account \*
- #10-13 Approval of Municipal Court Cash Account \*
- #10-14 Participation in State Management Fund \*
- #10-15 Establishment of Delinquent Tax Rate/Penalties \*
- #10-16 Authorization of Investment of Idle Funds \*
- #10-17 Designation of Official Depositories \*
- #10-18 Adoption of 2010 Temporary Municipal Budget \*
- #10-19 Designation of the Borough's Official Newspapers \*
- #10-20 Approval of Membership in the N.J. League of Municipalities \*
- #10-21 Fire Department Interborough Mutual Aid \*
- #10-22 Fire Department Mutual Aid with Oradell and River Edge \*
- #10-23 Special Operations Mutual Aid Agreement \*

- #10-24 Adoption of Bergen County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan \*
- #10-26 Reappointment of John Perkins as JIF Commissioner and Mary Winner as Alternate JIF Commissioner \*
- #10-39 Approval of Contribution toward Benefits by Borough Employees \*
- #10-40 Authorization to Advertise for Bids for a Lightning Detection System \*
- #10-41 Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Riverside Cooperative \*
- #10-42 Approval of Volunteer Tuition Credit Program \*
- #10-44 Reappointment of Arthur S. Cavadias as Zoning Officer \*
- #10-45 Reappointment of Adriann Green to the Ethics Board \*
- #10-46 Reappointment of Thomas Reagan to the Ethics Board \*
- #10-47 Reappointment of Coleman Szely to the Rent Leveling Board \*
- #10-48 Award of Bid for LED Traffic Light and Control Box Upgrade \*
- #10-49 Reappointment of Irwin Buchheister to the Rent Leveling Board \*
- #10-50 Reappointment of Michael Falcone to the Rent Leveling Board \*
- #10-51 Authorization of Execution of Historic Preservation Agreement for Improvements to Derick Banta House \*

The Mayor stated that Councilman Freeman had requested that Resolutions 10-27 through 10-38 be moved to non-consent. Councilman Freeman added that he would also like #10-03, #10-25, #10-43 moved to non-consent.

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Councilman Stylianou  
 Second: Councilman Freeman  
 Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Zamechansky  
 Second: Councilman Manna  
 All in favor.

1. Kai Chen of 90 Teak Road asked about Resolution #48. He requested that resolutions contain the bidders, engineer's estimate and the selected bidder.  
 Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou  
 Second: Councilman Manna  
 All in favor.

Roll call vote-Adoption of Consent Agenda: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes  
 Motion carried.

2010 Fire Department Officers sworn in by Freeholder Chairman/Mayor James Carroll:  
 Chief: Glenn Byrd  
 Assistant Chief: James Molinaro  
 Deputy Chief: Antonio Spina

### **Non-Consent Agenda**

The Mayor confirmed with Councilman Freeman the resolution numbers he wished moved to non-consent.  
 Motion to open to the public on Non-Consent Agenda Items: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

#10-03 Appointment of Gregg Paster, Esq. as Borough Attorney for the year 2010

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

Motion by Councilman Freeman: this resolution be postponed until the Council has the proper time to vet Mr. Paster and can meet in Executive Session and properly debate.

There was no second.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes  
Councilman Freeman-abstained

#10-25 John Pampaloni Jr.-Hire as Wastewater Consultant

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes  
Councilman Freeman-abstained

#10-27 Appointment of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins as Borough Auditor for the year 2010

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Caspare

Motion by Councilman Freeman: this resolution be postponed until the Council has the proper time to vet this firm and can meet in Executive Session and properly debate.

There was no second.

The Mayor asked if Councilman Freeman realized that this firm has been the Borough auditors since 2005 and whether he had reviewed the RFQ's. He answered in the affirmative.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes  
Councilman Freeman-abstained

#10-28 Appointment of Nowell, Amoroso, Klein, & Bierman as Borough Bond Counsel  
for the year 2010

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

Motion by Councilman Freeman: this resolution be postponed until the Council has the proper time to vet this firm and can meet in Executive Session and properly debate.

No Second.

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes  
Council members Carrick and Freeman-abstained

#10-29 Appointment of Alaimo Associates, Birdsall Engineering, Boswell Engineering,  
LCB Engineers, Maser Consulting, Neglia Engineering, Remington & Vernick  
and T&M Associates as Special Projects Engineers for the year 2010

Motion to adopt: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes  
Councilman Freeman-abstained

#10-30 Appointment of Florio & Kenny, Anne Marie Rizzuto, Esq., Eric Bernstein & Associates, Florio Perrucci as Special Counsel for Conflicts for the year 2010

Motion to adopt: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Manna

Motion by Councilman Freeman: this resolution be postponed until the Council has the proper time to vet these companies and can meet in Executive Session and properly debate.

No Second.

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Manna, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Carrick, Freeman, Stylianou-abstained

#10-31 Appointment of Maser Consulting as Borough Planner for the year 2010

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Caspare

Motion by Councilman Freeman: this resolution be postponed until the Council has the proper time to vet this company and can meet in Executive Session and properly debate.

No Second.

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Carrick and Freeman-abstained

#10-32 Appointment of Breslin & Breslin as Court Prosecutor for the year 2010

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

Motion by Councilman Freeman: this resolution be postponed until the Council has the proper time to vet this company and can meet in Executive Session and properly debate.

No Second.

Councilman Stylianou stated that the prosecutor has served in this town for several years and prosecutes in other towns. He added that he is an excellent prosecutor and very accessible.

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Carrick and Freeman-abstained

#10-33 Appointment of Mateo Perez as Public Defender for the year 2010

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Motion by Councilman Freeman: this resolution be postponed until the Council has the proper time to vet this company and can meet in Executive Session and properly debate.

No Second.

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Carrick and Freeman-abstained

#10-34 Appointment of Morrison Mahoney as Alternate Court Prosecutor for 2010

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

Motion by Councilman Freeman: this resolution be postponed until the Council has the proper time to vet this company and can meet in Executive Session and properly debate.

No Second.

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Carrick and Freeman-abstained

#10-35 Appointment of Gittleman, Muhlstock & Chewcaskie as Borough Tax Appeal Attorneys for the year 2010

Motion to adopt: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Motion by Councilman Freeman: this resolution be postponed until the Council has the proper time to vet this company and can meet in Executive Session and properly debate.

No Second.

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Carrick and Freeman-abstained

Councilman Manna stated that after much time spent reviewing the RFQ's he found them to be complete with contact information and their qualifications. Many of these professionals have responded in the past and have always fulfilled their commitment to this Borough.

Borough Attorney Paster stated that he had reviewed the RFQ's for completeness as set forth by the State.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Freeman-abstained

#10-36 Appointment of Brown & Brown as Risk Manager for the year 2010

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Motion by Councilman Freeman: this resolution be postponed until the Council has the proper time to vet this company and can meet in Executive Session and properly debate.

No Second.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Freeman-abstained

#10-37 Appointment of Eric Bernstein & Associates as Labor Attorney for the year 2010

Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Caspare

Motion by Councilman Freeman: this resolution be postponed until the Council has the proper time to vet this company and can meet in Executive Session and properly debate.

No Second.

Councilman Caspare stated that Mr. Bernstein was invaluable during the recent police negotiations. Council members Carrick and Freeman were present during some of the meetings with Mr. Bernstein.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Stylianou-no

Councilman Freeman-abstained

#10-38 Appointment of McNerney & Associates as Appraiser for the year 2010

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Motion by Councilman Freeman: this resolution be postponed until the Council has the proper time to investigate and vet this company and can meet in Executive Session and properly debate.

No Second.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Caspare and Freeman-abstained

#10-43 Approval of Nature's Choice for Vegetative Waste Disposal-2010

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Motion by Councilman Freeman: this resolution be postponed until the Council has the proper time to vet this company and can meet in Executive Session and properly debate.

No Second.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Freeman-abstained

Motion to open to the public for general participation: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

1. Sabino Rodano of 111 Cresskill Avenue asked what the qualifications are for John Pampaloni Jr.
2. Kai Chen of 90 Teak Road asked about the current Borough website and that the RFP be put on the website.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Caspare

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Caspare

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Borough Clerk